

# HAVE A PET PIG?

## HELP KEEP IT SAFE AND HEALTHY

# WHY IT MATTERS

Pigs of all types are susceptible to serious diseases found in countries outside of Canada. Some, such as *Foot and Mouth Disease* or *African Swine Fever* must be reported by veterinarians.

They are not currently found in Canada, but the risk is real.

Diseases can be carried in food scraps, pet food products, in imported meat, on clothing or by other animals – either wild or domestic. They can result in a painful death for animals, and could lead to a quarantine of your home.

## PROTECT YOUR PIGS

### DON'T

#### DON'T FEED KITCHEN SCRAPS

It's illegal to feed pigs meat products, or products that have come into contact with meat. It's also illegal to bring meat products into Canada, because they can carry disease.

#### DON'T BE A DISEASE CARRIER

Clothing or equipment that comes into contact with pigs or other animals should be washed in hot water and dried on high.

#### DON'T LET PIGS WANDER

or have contact with wildlife. Secure fencing and housing helps keep pigs in and predators out.

### DO

#### TALK TO YOUR VETERINARIAN ABOUT PIG CARE

especially if you have any animal health concerns. Did you know there are swine veterinarians who specialize in pig health?

#### WATCH FOR AND REPORT TO YOUR VETERINARIAN

any signs of sickness. These may include:

- fever
- diarrhea or vomiting
- blotchy patches or blisters (especially around ears, snout or hindquarters)
- weakness or difficulty standing
- coughing or laboured breathing

#### DO REGISTER FOR PIGTRACE

This can alert you to any possible disease risk or help you find pigs that have wandered. It's also required by law. Find out how by contacting [memberservices@ontariopork.on.ca](mailto:memberservices@ontariopork.on.ca).

Have a question for a swine specialist?  
Contact Ontario's Agriculture Information Contact Centre  
at 1-877-424-1300 or [ag.info.omafra@ontario.ca](mailto:ag.info.omafra@ontario.ca)

Find pet pig care tips at:  
[swinehealthontario.ca/petpig](http://swinehealthontario.ca/petpig)



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